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2 Photo ("schueler der 3. Klasse"), 6/1917 (2 pages)

3 Photo, Hakoah-Graz Soccer Team, Trainer Futterweit, 5/25/1922 (2 pages)

4 2 Photos, Hakoah-graz Soccer Team

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7 Photo, Hakoah-Graz Soccer Team

8 Photo, Hakoah-Graz Soccer Team

9 Photo, Ship "Conte de Savoia", 3/1940

10 Kosher Menu of "Conte de Savoia", 3/1940

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THE AUSTRIAN HERITAGE COLLECTION AT THE LEO BAECK INSTITUTE

AUSTRIAN-JEWISH IMMIGRANTS IN THE USA

LEO BAECK INSTITUTE: 15 WEST 16TH STREET, 4TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10011, TEL (212) 744 - 6400

Name: TOYA (First Name) TOKAYER

Occupations in US: TEACHER PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM NYC
(before retirement)

Date of Birth: __ / __ / 1933 (Month / Day / Year) **Place of Birth:** VIENNA (City) AUSTRIA (Country)

Prewar Address: 2nd DISTRICT (Street) 3 KLEINE STADTGUT gasse (District, if in Vienna) VIENNA (City) (Country)

Prewar (or Maiden) Name: FUTTERWEIT **Change of Name:** TOKAYER (during/after emigration)

1. Education: before, during and after emigration
(please if possible, indicate institutions and year when entered/left)

MA BROOKLYN COLLEGE

2. Were you affiliated with any kind of organization, before, during and after emigration (Youth, Sports, Zionist, Political etc.)?
FATHER - HENRY FUTTERWEIT HAKOAH - SOCCER 1920's
AFTER. HASHOMER HADATI (Self)

3. Were you arrested and/or interned? *(please indicate where and when)*
OVERNIGHT IN JAIL W/FATHER AND BROTHER

4. What was your route of emigration? *(please indicate places and dates of stay)*
Sept 1938. MARCH 1940 DEGESHEIM, SWITZERLAND
MARCH 1940 GENOA — USA

(please circle)

5. May we contact you again with a more detailed follow-up questionnaire? **Yes** / No

6. Do you have any documents, such as photographs, letters, diaries, all kinds of manuscripts, etc., that would be appropriate for the archives of the LBI? **Yes** / No

If necessary please use additional sheets. Thank you!

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We kindly ask you to answer the following questions in as much detail as possible, either in English or in German. If you need more space, please feel free to use additional sheets. If you don't know the answer to certain questions or don't want to answer for any reason, just go on to the next question.

NAME: Toya Tokayer **DATE:** 8/19/2005

1. BEFORE MARCH 1938

1.1 Please describe your parental home.
(Did you live in an apartment or in a house? How many people lived there? Did you have servants? What language(s) were spoken in the household? etc.?)

Apt. in bldg. 2nd district
2 adults / 2 children under age 7
nanny
German

1.2 Please tell us about your neighborhood (district, if in Vienna or area).
(What ethnic groups lived there? Religious life? Relationships between Jews and non-Jewish people? Relationships with neighbors? etc.?)

Jew 2nd district
too young to describe relationships w/neighbors

1.3 What religious tradition existed in your family?
(Did you keep kosher, go to synagogue, observe holidays, etc.?)

Kosher
Observant

1.4 Please tell us about your friends and acquaintances ?
(Were they mostly Jewish or non-Jewish? Did you have any close non-Jewish friends? etc.?)

N/A
too young

1.5 Were you affiliated with any political, social, cultural, religious or other organization in Austria?
(Youth Organizations, Zionist Organizations, Political Parties, other organizations, and if so, did you have any specific function?)

N A

2. FROM MARCH 1938 TO EMIGRATION - FROM EUROPE TO AMERICA

2.1 How was your time spent during and after the "Anschluss"? What was the impact of the "Anschluss" on you personally?
(Were you expelled from school or university? Did you or your parents lose your/their jobs? Were your apartments/houses looted? Were you or members of your family persecuted in any way? Were you forced to scrub the streets?)

taken to jail - father, brother, myself -
in July '38 -

2.2 How did non-Jewish friends, colleagues, schoolmates, neighbors, etc. behave toward you and your family?

I understand that non-Jew neighbor informed Gestapo of undesirable Jews in aunt's apt from which we were taken to jail.

1.6 Did you or your family encounter any anti-Semitism in Austria before March 1938?
(If so, please give details!)

yes -
bombing of ex-sim's jewelry store / killing him,
passers by

1.7 What was you and your family's reaction to Hitler's rise to power in Germany in 1933 and to Nazi activities in Austria in the early 1930s? Did you/they feel threatened by these events or others?

Don't know
- was born in 1933

2.3 **Can you please describe your recollections of the night from the November 9th to November 10th 1938, the so-called "Reichs-Kristallnacht"?** (If so, please give details!)

in Switzerland at ~~at~~ this time.

2.4 **Were you or any other members of your family arrested? Sent to a camp?** (If so, please give details!)

Yes ✓ see 2.1

2.5 **Can you recall the process of obtaining papers necessary for emigration?** (Did you and your family try to obtain visas for other countries as well? Were you supported by any relief organization, by relatives or friends?)

Yes but do not know details.

2.6 What happened to your or your family's apartment, houses, businesses and other property?

neighbor took our apt. (rental)

2.7 When did you leave Austria? (Please indicate exact date, if possible!)

Aug. '38

2.8 If you did not emigrate directly to the U.S, where did you go first?
(How long did you stay there? Can you give a brief description of your experiences? Was there an immedate reason – apart from the general threat – for your emigration?)

Degesheim, Switz.

Father went alone over mountains —

Then Mother, brother, and I followed - train.

3. THE UNITED STATES

3.1 When did you arrive in the U.S.? (Please indicate exact date, if possible!)

March '41

3.2 Did members of your family emigrate to other countries than the U.S.?
(If so, where? Where do they live today? Are you still in contact with them?)

USA

Israel - deceased

3.3 Did you serve in the U.S. Armed Forces or in any other allied army?
(If so, when did you join? What division? What was your area of operation? When were you discharged?)

NA

3.4 Please list places and dates of residence in the U.S.
(City, State; in bigger cities, neighborhood)

Brooklyn NY

3.5 Please describe your occupational situation after your arrival to U.S.

School child

3.6 Did you belong to any emigrant/immigrant - related organization or cultural association? (e.g. Austrian American Federation, Austrian Forum, etc.? If so, since when?)

no.

3.7 Do you still speak German in the USA? If so, with whom and when? How often?

no

3.8 Would you call yourself religious? To what degree? What is your affiliation? Did it change? (Do you keep kosher, go to synagogue, observe the holidays? etc.?)

Kosher
Synagogue
observant

3.9 Were your friends and acquaintances mostly German-speaking or non-German-speaking? Mainly Jewish or not?

No

3.10 Of what country/countries are you a citizen? When was each citizenship granted?

USA - naturalized through parents
Israel 1969

3.11 Have you ever visited Austria after the war? If so, how often?
(What did you do there? Can you recall some of your impressions during these visits? Have you ever thought of going back permanently?)

Yes
2x - tourist
visit graves of grandparents (paternal)
felt anti Semitism - especially w/grandchild
who wore a Kippah (skullcap)

NO

4. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS

4.1 Have you ever been interviewed by any other organization?
(If yes, please indicate when and by which organization!)

no.

4.2 Have you ever been mentioned in any historical works?
(Holocaust-related literature, documentary films, exhibitions, etc.)

no

5. FAMILY MEMBERS

5.1 Spouse (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth -if deceased, place/date of death-, Occupation[s])

Norman Tokayer

Professor of Social Work - Retired

5.2 Mother (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth -if deceased, place/date of death-, Occupation[s])

Regina (Sternschuss - maiden name) Futterweit
b. 1908
Born. Poland
USA deceased 1990

Business real estate

5.3 Father (Name, Place/date of birth -if deceased, place/date of death-, Occupation[s])

Henry Futterweit
Poland b 1903
USA d. 1969

b. real estate

5.4 Siblings (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth -if deceased, place/date of death-, Occupation[s])

brother
Dr. Walter Futterweit
b. 1931 Vienna

5.5 **Children** (Name, Maiden Name, Address [City, State, Country], Place/date of birth -if deceased, place/date of death-, Occupation[s])

Ira D. Tokayer 1957 - Bklyn NY
lawyer

Aaron Z. Tokayer 1960
Doctor

5.6 **Grandparents** (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth, place/date of death, Occupation[s])

Zev Futterweit d. 1928
Zila (nee Blumenthal) Futterweit d. 1930

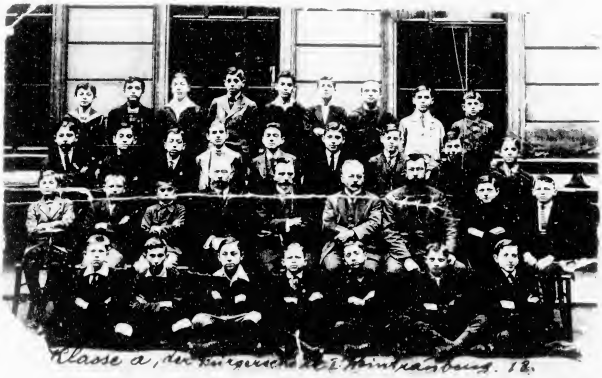
b. in Poland
d. in Vienna

dry good store - Glocken Strasse
2nd District

The Austrian Heritage Collection is always looking for people for oral history interviews.

If you know any Austrian-Jewish immigrants in the US who might be interested in participating in this project, please either ask them to contact us or write their addresses below.

Thank you very much for participating in this project!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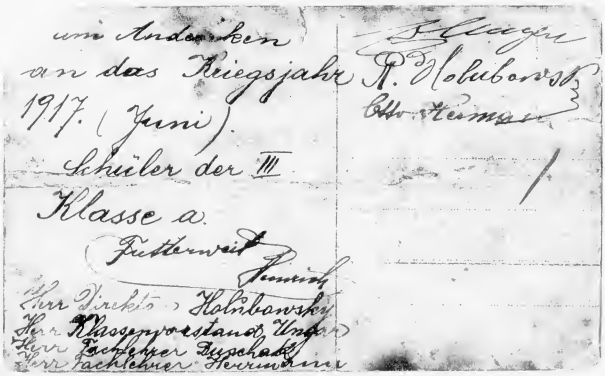

um Andenken
an das Kriegsjahr
1917. (Juni).
Schüler der III
Klasse a.
Futterweit
Heinrich

Herr Direktor Holubowsky
Herr Klassenvorstand Unger
Herr Fachlehrer Buschak
Herr Fachlehrer Herrmann

Klagen
R. Holubowsky
Otto Heimann

"PURIM PARTY" ABOARD SHIP
SAILING TO NEW YORK: MARCH 1940

KOSHER MENU

FOR THE JEWISH PASSENGERS

BORUCH HASH:

Shabbath Shalom Umevoruch

WINE FOR KIDDUSH

Fresh Eier Chaloth

Gefillte Fische und Chrein

Huhnen Soppe mit Lokschen

Gebratene Huhn

Gemischte Carroten

Kartoffel Kugel

Gedampfte Feigen

Caffe - Tee und Gebacks

Freische Fruchte

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S. S. "CONTE DI SAVOIA"
March 22nd, 1940

KOSHER MENU

FOR THE JEWISH PASSENGERS

BORUCH HASHEM

Purim Gala Festival

Freut Sich Brüber Heute
Ist Purin Hoffentlich
Werd En Alle Hamans
Dieselbe Mapolo Bekommen

Gebackene Karpen mit Chrein

Enten Consome
mit Kreplich

Gebratene Ente

Cauliflower

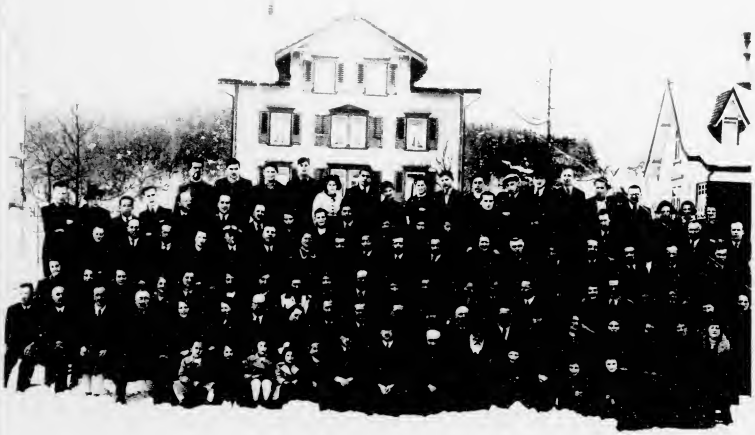
Homontaschen

Gedampfte Birnen

Coffe

Sherbets

EN GROS
Tapezierer-Zugehör
EN DETAIL



[illegible] hair bow is me. My brother, Dr Walter Futterweit, sits on my left. Our father Henry Futterweit, to whom the enclosed memoirs were dictated, sits behind my brother (to left)

End of Tova Tokayer Family Collection.